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June 10, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

48 June 10, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15  
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY COMMUNITIES OF THE  
ANTELOPE VALLEY  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for continuation of public transit services through the Antelope Valley Transit Authority for the residents of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2014-15 at an estimated cost of \$900,000.
3. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority of the County's share of the cost of the transit services on a quarterly basis.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for continuation of public transit services, including fixed-route, commuter, and dial-a-ride services for residents of the unincorporated County communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by providing service to the public in a collaborative and responsive manner and improving the mobility of the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) services is estimated to be \$43,100,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$8,620,000. The AVTA will be pursuing funding assistance for these services, such as various Federal Transit Administration, State, Proposition A Discretionary, and Proposition A Incentive grants. Any grant funds received by AVTA will help offset the County's share of the cost. Therefore, the County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services in Fiscal Year 2014-15, less grants and farebox revenue, is estimated to be \$900,000. The necessary funds for the County's share of these services are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On February 25, 1992, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers agreement between the County, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the AVTA to provide for planning, contracting, and operating public transit services in the Antelope Valley. The Joint Exercise of Powers agreement was established on April 1, 1992. The operation and financing of the AVTA will continue to be governed under the auspices of the Joint Exercise of Powers agreement.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services and improves the mobility of the unincorporated County residents who live in the Antelope Valley.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office